

Minutes: Leesburg Planning Commission January 3, 2002

The Leesburg Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff members present for the meeting were Lee Phillips, Delane Parks, Randy Hodgson, Paul Gauthier and Jennifer Moore.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Vaughan
Vice-Chairman Cable
Commissioner Minchew
Commissioner Werner
Commissioner Zawacki
Commissioner Schonberger
Commissioner Kennedy
Councilmember Umstatt

AWARD PRESENTATION

The Planning Commission recognized Mr. Gus Glikas for his years of service to the Planning Commission and the Town of Leesburg.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

None

REMARKS BY PETITIONERS

Ms. Michelle Schmitz of 813 Melody Court spoke about the Tavistock application. She was concerned about the height of the dirt pile at Tavistock. She stated that she would like assurances that the mountain of dirt would be removed in the very near future.

Ms. Schmitz stated that she is also concerned that the condominiums proposed are being planned as apartments.

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Ms. Sandy Kane of 815 Kenneth Place spoke on behalf of the Kincaid Forest Homeowners Association. Ms. Kane stated that she is concerned about the mountain of dirt as well and would like to see it removed immediately. She also stated her concern about having apartments instead of condominiums.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

TAVISTOCK FARMS MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL SECTION (SECTIONS 15, 16 AND 17), PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN STAFF REPORT – Delane Parks – Interim Chief of Current Planning

Mr. Parks gave a presentation on this application.

Mr. Doug Fleming and Mr. Don Miller, representatives for the applicant came forward and addressed some of the Commissions and citizen's concerns.

Vice Chairman Cable asked Mr. Miller to give a time frame of when the mountain of dirt that the citizens were concerned about would be removed. Mr. Miller stated that he anticipated that it would be removed October or November of 2002.

Commissioner Werner made a motion to approve the application as submitted by staff.

Motion: Werner
Second: Kennedy
Carried: 7-0

ZONING:

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:

PREVIEW STAFF REPORT SPECIAL EXCEPTION 2001-08 – LEESBURG STATION CAR WASH – Randy Hodgson, Chief of Comprehensive Planning

Mr. Hodgson presented the staff report for this application to the Commission.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the applicant could place another 12 trees along the trail to buffer the property. Mr. Magazine agreed to place more trees along the trail.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Councilmember Umstattd stated that the Commission may want to recommend to Council, as part of its Zoning Ordinance review, language to keep developers from coming forward with Condominiums and then building apartments.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Phillips stated that they would like to bring back first submission briefings to the Commission.

The Commission discussed putting more detail into the minutes and Mr. Phillips stated the he would speak with the Town Attorney.

Mr. Phillips also spoke with the Commission regarding the Budget for the Planning Department in FY03

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Werner asked about the nomination of officers. Chairman Vaughan stated that the Town Attorney recommends that they be pushed back to the first meeting in July to coincide with the Town Code change made by the Council.

Commissioner Zawacki stated that the Commission's bylaws now do not agree with the Town Code and therefore one or the other needs to be changed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Moore, Commission Clerk

Cliff Vaughan, Chairman